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**A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS
FOR MANUFACTURING A FIBER WEB PROVIDED WITH
A THREE-DIMENSIONAL SURFACE STRUCTURE**

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the invention.

The present invention relates to a method and to an apparatus for manufacturing a fiber web, and, more particularly to dewatering of a fiber web wherein the fiber web is a web of tissue or hygiene material, provided with a three-dimensional surface structure.

10 **2. Description of the related art.**

The imprinting of a three-dimensional structure into the surface of a paper web, in particular into the surface of a tissue web, more particularly into the surface of hand tissue, is known (see, for example, WO 99/47749, WO 01/18307). It is further known that a very good paper quality can be achieved by so-called through-air drying (TAD). However, it is
15 disadvantageous that the use of TAD dryers is very complex and correspondingly expensive. What is needed in the art is a method of apparatus for dewatering of a fiber web of tissue or hygiene material, having a three-dimensional surface structure, which is less complex and less expensive.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention provides an improved method and an improved apparatus for manufacturing a fiber web provided with a three-dimensional surface structure with which a high quality of the end product can be achieved in an economic and correspondingly favorably priced manner even without the use of a larger TAD drying apparatus. A corresponding quality is reached with respect to the water retention capability, the water absorption rate, the bulk, etc.

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